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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 30, 2004, please consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1 through 13 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner has entered a Restriction Requirement, stating that present application includes claims directed to three patentably distinct sets of claims. Group I, as defined by Claims 1 through 4, is directed to a turbofan engine; Group II, as defined by Claim 5, which is directed to a noise attenuator; and Group III, as defined by Claims 6 through 13, which is directed to a turbojet engine.

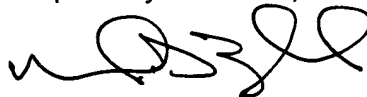
Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group III (Claims 6 through 13), with traverse. Notwithstanding the election, the Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement since the claims are so closely related that maintaining them in the same Application would not cause undue hardship for the Examiner. In this regard, Section 803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Since the Examiner does not argue that examination of Groups I and III would be a "serious burden", and as Applicant submits that there would be none. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement.

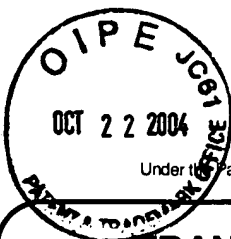
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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